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Radio 2 (Australian radio station)

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For the similarly named British radio station, see [BBC Radio 2](#).

Radio 2 was a narrowband [Australian radio network](#) owned and operated by WorldAudio Limited. The network was broadcast on frequencies between 1611 and 1629 [kHz](#) via a series of 50 [AM](#) transmitters across Australia, as well as by satellite (including through [Austar](#) and [Foxtel](#)) and through the network's website.

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History [edit]

Radio 2 began in [Blacktown, New South Wales](#) in Western Sydney on 1611 AM in October 2001, broadcasting under a Section 40 licence - meaning it could only operate on narrowband AM frequencies (1611–1701 kHz), and with narrow spectrum - 5 kHz, rather than the full 9 kHz which other [commercial radio](#) stations use. Branded "The New Voice Of Western Sydney", the station focused on live and local content, similar to [2WS](#) in its heyday.

In 2002, Radio 2 was a broadcast partner of the [2002 FIFA World Cup](#), broadcasting live coverage of matches, with the call lead by Colin Turner.^[1] In 2003, Radio 2 was a broadcast partner of the [AFL](#), hosting live coverage of [Sydney Swans](#) home games from the [SCG](#) and [Telstra Stadium](#).^[2]

National expansion [edit]

In November 2003, owners WorldAudio Limited acquired a series of 14 additional transmitters, forming a "national" commercial [AM radio](#) network.^[3] This did not come without drama - a legal battle had begun between owners WorldAudio and [GB Radio](#) in [Melbourne](#), over the use of the 1620 AM licence^[4] - WorldAudio would eventually use 1629 AM in Melbourne instead. In April 2005, owners WorldAudio signed [Mikey Robins](#) and [Ian Rogerson](#) to host *The Big Australian Breakfast*, Nick Bennett to host the *Nick's Nation* drive show, and former [Seven Nightly News](#) presenter [Ross Symonds](#) to host Sunday morning business program *The Bottom Line*.^[5]

In May 2005, the station launched nationally to a network of 50 stations around the country, dropping the [Western Sydney](#) focus and moving to programming of national significance. At launch, WorldAudio CEO boasted the station "[could] be picked up by 93% of all radio

Radio 2



City [Sydney, New South Wales](#)

Broadcast area [Australia](#)

Branding [Radio 2](#)

Slogan *Your National Commercial Broadcast Network*

Frequency [Various](#)

First air date [October 2001-21 July 2006](#)

Format [Classic hits, talk](#)

Class [Non-BSB](#)

Owner [WorldAudio Limited](#)

receivers."^[6] Additional programming included *Sportswatch Australia* with Colin Turner, *She Said* with [Sophie Falkiner](#) and [Katrina Warren](#), and *Politically Direct* with Paul Makin.^[7] The network had an emphasis on sporting coverage, with coverage of [A-League](#) and [English Premier League](#) soccer, AFL (including [Sydney Swans](#) and [Brisbane Lions](#) games, plus the 2005 AFL Grand Final), and the [NBL](#).

Downfall and closure ^[edit]

However, the network's success wasn't to be. A combination of minimal listenership and low advertising lead to a [trading halt](#) being placed on parent company WorldAudio, with the announcement that administrators had been appointed to the company a week later. Administrators halted all talk based content, leaving the station to broadcast non-stop music.

Radio 2 temporarily ceased broadcasting as of Friday, 21 July 2006.
Broadcasting on the WorldAudio Groups licences will resume at Christmas 2006.
Administrators [Hall Chadwick](#) are selling off World Audio's Radio 2's studio equipment at auction.

— Radio 2 website, 21 July 2006

Radio 2's frequencies were later sold, either to [Rete Italia](#), the start-up [Vision Radio Network](#), or to the similarly ill-fated Goanna [country music](#) network.

Availability (at time of closure) ^[edit]

Licence area	Frequency	Frequency currently occupied
Nationwide	Austar channel 2 ^[8] Foxtel channel 831 ^[8]	Defunct MAX 70s Hits ^[9]
Canberra, Australian Capital Territory	1620 AM ^{[8][10]}	Defunct
Cowra, New South Wales	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Dubbo, New South Wales	1611 AM ^{[8][10]}	Defunct
Eden, New South Wales	1620 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Griffith, New South Wales	1611 AM ^{[8][10]}	Defunct
Grafton, New South Wales	1629 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Lismore, New South Wales	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Newcastle, New South Wales	1620 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Port Macquarie, New South Wales	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Sydney, New South Wales	1611 AM ^{[8][10]}	Vision Radio Network ^{[11][12]}
Tamworth, New South Wales	1629 AM ^{[8][10]}	Defunct
Wagga Wagga, New South Wales	1620 AM ^{[8][10]}	Defunct
West Wyalong, New South Wales	1629 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Yamba, New South Wales	1620 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Yass, New South Wales	1629 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Alice Springs, Northern Territory	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Darwin, Northern Territory	1611 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network ^[13]
Bowen, Queensland	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Brisbane, Queensland	1620 AM ^{[8][10]}	Defunct
Cairns, Queensland	1620 AM ^[8]	Defunct

Dalby, Queensland	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Gladstone, Queensland	1620 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Gold Coast, Queensland	1620 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Hervey Bay, Queensland	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Mackay, Queensland	1611 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Redcliffe, Queensland	1629 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Sunshine Coast, Queensland	1620 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Toowoomba, Queensland	1620 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Townsville, Queensland	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Adelaide, South Australia	1629 AM ^{[8][10]}	Niche Radio Network ^[14]
Mount Gambier, South Australia	1629 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Port Augusta, South Australia	1629 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Victor Harbor, South Australia	1629 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Whyalla, South Australia	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Devonport, Tasmania	1611 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Hobart, Tasmania (South)	1611 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Launceston, Tasmania	1611 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Echuca, Victoria Moama, New South Wales	1620 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Melbourne, Victoria (North)	1620 AM ^[8] 1629 AM ^[8]	3CW 1620AM Program ACR Chinese Radio ^[15]
Portland, Victoria	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Albany, Western Australia	1629 AM ^{[8][10]}	Defunct
Broome, Western Australia	1611 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Bunbury, Western Australia	1629 AM ^{[8][10]}	Defunct
Esperance, Western Australia	1611 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Geraldton, Western Australia	1620 AM ^[8]	Defunct
Kalgoorlie, Western Australia	1611 AM ^[8]	Niche Radio Network
Perth, Western Australia	1620 AM ^{[8][10]} 1629 AM ^[8]	Defunct Defunct

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ABC Radio	ABC Classic FM (ABC Classic 2) · ABC Jazz · ABC Country · ABC Grandstand · ABC Local Radio · ABC NewsRadio · ABC RN · Radio Australia · triple j (triple j Unearthed · Double J)
SBS Radio	SBS Radio 1 · SBS Radio 2 · SBS Radio 3 · National · SBS Chill · SBS PopAsia · SBS PopAraby · SBS PopDesi
Southern Cross Austereo	Hit Network · Triple M Network
Australian Radio Network	KIIS Network (101.1 · 1065 · 96FM · 97.3 FM · Mix 102.3) · Pure Gold Network (4KQ · Cruise 1323 · Gold 104.3 · WSFM 101.7) · The Edge
NOVA Entertainment	Nova Network (919 · 93.7 · 96.9 · 100 · 106.9) · smoothfm (91.5 · 95.3 · Digital) · FiveAA · Star 104.5 · Koffee
Macquarie Radio Network	News. Talk. Sport. (2GB · 3AW · 4BC · 6PR) · Macquarie Sports Radio (882 · 954 · 1278)
Racing networks	Radio TAB · RSN Racing & Sport · Sky Sports Radio
Christian radio stations	Hope 103.2 · Juice107.3 · Life FM (Gippsland) · 89.9 LightFM · Life FM (Adelaide) · Rhema FM · United Christian Broadcasters · Vision Radio Network
Other	Ace Radio (2 networks) · Broadcast Operations Group (2 networks) · Capital Radio Network · CRN · Flow FM · Grant Broadcasters · NIRS · Pacific Star Network · RPH Australia · Raw FM · Rebel Media (2 networks) · Resonate Broadcasting · Redwave Media · WIN Corporation
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